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—OF THE—

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MUSKINGUM

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH THE—

UNION CHURCH.

PERRY COUNTY, OHIO,

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Union—Samuel Buriff, New Salem, Fairfield County, O.
Harmony—E. Richards, Alexandria, Licking County, O.
St. Louisville—J. E. Stevens, Newark, Ohio.
Mt. Olive—John Croy, Elliott's Cross-roads, Morgan Co., O.

Minutes of the Seventy Fourth Annual Session of the Muskingum Baptist Association,

Held with the Union Church, Perry County, Ohio,
August 24, 25 and 26, 1883.

AUGUST 24—10 o'clock, A. M. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was preached accordingly to appointment by Elder John Prichard from John 5th chapter, 25 verse. The letters from the several Churches were called for by the former Moderator and read, and the Messengers' names enrolled and statistics noted as follows:

CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.	MINISTERS AND TIMES OF HOLDING MEETINGS.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total Number	Contributions
Falls of Licking, Musk. Co.; Abram Dorsey, J. D. Shaw, Lewis Prior	E. Barker, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	49	5 50
Hopewell, Perry Conuty; J. Forsythe, Evi Goble	E. Barker, 1st Lord's day	...	...	...	...	—	1	18	2 25
Union, Perry Co.; J. Grove, L. Buriff, Samuel Buriff,	G. N. Tussing, 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	5 00
Lancaster, Fairfield Co.; Jonas Fartig, G. W. Starner, T. Croy.	Wm. Fisher, 4th Lord's day,	1	...	....	....	2	....	15	1 50
Lexington, Perry Co.; G. W. Moore T. David, J. Bell	No Minister 4th Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	1	1	42	5 00
Timber Run, Musk. Co.; John Allen, Robert Bolin, John Brandon	W. H. Hickman 3d Lord's day,	2	...	...	...	...	1	28	2 50
Bethel, Noble Co.; John Jordon, G. A. Bretz	W.H Hickman 4th Lord's day,	1	...	...	...	...	...	38	5 75
Buelah, Musk. Co.; J. C. Crown, Stephen Francis, Jacuith Rector	John Prichard, 1st Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	2 75
Mt. Pleasant, Perry Co.. L. Richards,	John Croy, 3d Lord's day	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	1 00
York, Morgan Co. W. Newlon.	Wm. Fisher, 3d Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	75
Zoar, Musk. Co.; David Woodruff, Lewis French	John Croy, 2d Lord's day,	1	...	...	...	...	1	18	1 25
Mt. Olive, Morgan Co.; John Croy, C. Matthew, R. Power	John Croy, 1st Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1 21
Scott's Creek, Hocking Co.; E. C. Harsh, Silas Nixon, A. Nixon	G. N. Tussing 3rd Lord's day.	1	...	...	5	...	1	58	4 00
Goshen, Muskingum Co; Thos. Humphrey,	W.H. Hickman, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	24	1 50
Pleasant Hi'l, Licking Co.; J. Holmes, Wm. Painter, J. Jas. O. Cooksey,	John Prichard, 4th Lord's day,	...	1	...	...	...	5	48	4 75
Enon, Guernsey Co.; W. H. Hickman,	W. H. Hickman, 1st Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	1 20
Jonathan's Creek, Licking Co.; E. Barker, P. Gutridge, D. Norman,	E. Barker, 4th Lord's day	...	...	...	...	...	4	51	3 50
Monday Creek, Perry Co.; J. W. Nixon	Wm. Newlon, 1st Lord's day ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	1 50
St. Louisville, Licking Co., J. Prichard, Elzy Dush, J. E. Stevens,	John Prichard, 2d Lord's day,	...	...	...	...	...	1	32	3 00
Friendship, at Hog Run, Licking Co.; A. T. Jury, P. W. Brubaker, A. Beall,	No regular Pastor, 3rd Lord's day	2	...	...	...	...	1	30	3 50
Friendship, near Linnville, Licking Co.; L. Handley, S. Hupp, Zacharia Orr	John J. Vanhorn, 2d Lord's day,	3	...	...	...	...	...	37	2 66
Harmony, Licking Co.; Joseph Beaver, Samuel Rugg, John Skinner	G.-D. Burley, 3d Lord's day	1	...	...	...	...	...	19	4 25
Totals,		15	1	0	5	3	19	645	$64 32

NOTE.—Saturday before the Lord's day mentioned in the foregoing table, is the day of business of the respective Churches.

The Association adjourned until one o'clock, P. M.

One o'clock P. M., association met pursuant to adjournment.

1. Prayer by Elder Melton.

2. The article of faith and the rules of decorum were read.

2. The Messenger's names were called.

3. Organized for the present session by choosing Elder E. Barker Moderator, and G. W. Moore, Clerk.

4. Committees were appointed as follows:

On Arrangements—Elder John Prichard, John Croy and W. H. Hickman.

On Preaching.—The Messenger of the Union Church, with the assistance of the Moderator and Clerk.

On Fund—Brothers Stevens, Gutridge and Francis.

On Visitation Meeting—Brothers Painter, Nixon and Cooksey.

5. Churches wishing to unite with this Association were called for.

6. Correspondence from sister associations were called for, which were represented as follows:

Miami—By Elder McGlade and minutes.

Scioto—By Elder G. N. Tussing. No minutes.

Sandusky—Elder Lewis Seitz and minutes.

Pocatalico—Elder Melton. No Minutes.

Owl Creek Harmony—Elder L. B. Hanover and Minutes.

7. Associations wishing to open correspondence with this association were called for.

8. Corresponding Messengers to Sister Associations were appointed as follows:

Miami—Elder John Prichard.
Scioto—Elder Wm. H. Hickman.
Sandusky—Elder E. Barker.
Pocatalico—Elder Geo D. Burley.
Owl Creek Harmony—Elder E. Barker.

9. The Circular Letter written by A F Jury, and the Corresponding Letter written by Elder Geo. D. Burley were called for and referred to the Committee on Arrangements, including the writer.

10. The Committee on Preaching report for to-morrow forenoon, Elders Melton and McGlade. Report adopted.

11. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Benediction by Elder John Prichard.

SATURDAY MORNING, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1. The Messengers names were called.

2. The Committee on Arrangements report the Minutes of last year as the order of business.

3. Circular and Corresponding Letters were adopted, with some slight changes in each letter.

4. That the reports of the Committees on Fund and Visitation Meeting be handed in to the Clerk at any time during the Association.

5. Elder E. Barker to write the Circular Letter and Elder John Prichard the Corresponding Letter for next year.

6. The next Association to be held with the Beulah Church, Muskingum County, Ohio, commencing on Friday, before the fourth Lord's day in August, 1884, at 10 o'clock, Elder Geo. D. Burley to preach the Introductory Sermon, in case of failure of Elder Wm. H. Hickman.

7. The Committee on Preaching to appoint the preachers to fill the stand as they see proper.

8. The Committee on Funds report $64.32 appropriated as follows: Minutes, $20.00; Clerk, $5.00; Miami $9.36; Scioto, $2.80; Sandusky, $9 36; Owl Creek Harmony, $5.61; Pocatalico, $12 19. The report adopted.

9. The Committee on Visitation Meeting report as follows:

VISITATION MEETINGS.

Falls of Licking—Fourth Lord's day in October, at Shannon meeting house, Elder D. Hess. Second Lord's day in May, L. B. Hanover.

Lancaster—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elder John Croy.

Lexington—Fourth Lord's day in June, Elder Wm. H. Hickman.

Timber Run—Third Lord's day in October, Elder J. F. Poynter.

Bethel—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elder John Prichard.

Beulah—First Lord's day in October, Elder L. B. Hanover; and first Lord's day in June, Elders Poynter and Cole.

Mt. Pleasant—Third Lord's day in October, Elders Tussing and Croy.

Zoar—Fourth Lord's day in October, Elder Power.

Mt. Ollive—Fourth Lord's day in November at the Union School house to commence on Friday preceeding Elders Poynter and Croy.

Goshen—Second Lord's day in October, Elder J. F. Poynter.

Pleasant Hill—Fifth Lord's day in December, Elder G. N. Tussing.

Enon—First Lord's day in December, Elder John Prichard.

Jonathan Creek—Fifth Lord's day in December, Elder Wm.

H. Hickman; also fourth Sunday in June, Elders Tussing and Prichard.

St. Louisville—Second Lord's day in May, Elder E. Barker.

Friendship, near *Linville*—Fifth Lord's day in September, Elders Tussing and Barker.

Harmony—Third Lord's day in May, Elders Poynter and Holiday.

NOTE.—All the above meetings to commence on Saturday preceeding the Lord's day mentioned, at 11 o'clock, except Mt. Olive, which commences on Friday, preceeding the fourth Lord's day in November, at 11 o'clock.

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10. The Minutes were read and approved.

11. Adjourned to the time and place above written.

Prayer by Elder John Prichard.

Elder E. BARKER, Moderator.

G. W. MOORE, Clerk.

NOTE.—The Association just closed has been one that should long be remembered. The preaching was of the best, fine weather, beautiful grove and good order. The brethren of Union Church understand just how to make their brethren feel at home when attending an Association at their church. May the Lord bless them. CLERK.

PREACHING ON THE STAND.

Friday afternoon, Elder Downey, from John, 5th chapter, 11th verse.

Saturday afternoon, Elder Reed. Text not obtained.

Saturday morning, Elder Melton, from Luke 23d chapter, middle clause 34th verse; Elder McGlade, St. John, 3d chapter, 16th verse.

Saturday afternoon, Elder Hanover, from Mark 4th chapter, commencing at 3d verse; Elder Seitz, from Ephsians, 4th chapter, four first verses.

Sunday morning, Elder Hickman from Revelations, 14th chapter, 1st verse. Elder Poynter, from Peter, 1st chapter, 18th verse.

Sunday afternoon, Elder Reed from 66th Psalm, 16th verse. Elder Tussing from Hebrews, 12th chapter, 28th verse.

DECEASED MEMBERS.

Lexington—William Davis.

Hopewell—Daniel Cooper.

Scott's Creek—Margaret Shaw.

Falls of Licking—Thomas Morgan.

Pleasant Hill—Richard Meek, Lydia Tipton, Francis Tate, Joseph Rector, Mattie A. Cooksey.

Zoar—Margaret Wells.

Enon—Anna White.

Goshen—Burton Garret.

Timber Run—Sister Courson, Jennie Vanhorn.

St. Louisville—Clarrissa Parker.

Corresponding Letter.

The Muskingum Predestinarian Baptist Association, now in session with the Union Church, Perry County, Ohio, to the several Associations with whom she corresponds, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST.—By the blessing of that God that never changes we are blest with the privilege of meeting once more as an Association and to worship the God of our fathers in that way we believe his word teaches. We have been truly comforted in the past by the coming of your messengers, who have come to us in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ. We have great reason to be thankful, that we have been taught by Him who teaches all his children to know all things that are neccessary for their eternal Salvation.

Although your messengers are sometimes strange in the flesh, yet being born of the same spirit makes us fellow citizens with the saints and of the house-hold of God, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone.

Therefore may we continue to strive earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. Endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. We ask for a continuance of your Christian correspondence. Our minutes will inform you of the time and place of our next Association and may the God of all grace, love, mercy and truth keep us all by his mighty power through faith unto Salvation with all the Isreal of God elsewhere.

FAREWELL.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Muskingum Baptist Association to the several Churches composing her body sendeth Christian Love and Salutation.

Our Devine Father has brought us in great mercy through another year toward the end of our earthly pilgrimage; and we have again come together as an Association to hear from the dear family of God, scattered in the different parts of our land and to hold communion and worship with those present with us.

And as you will expect an epistle of love from us on some subject touching our spiritual interest and wellfare, we will call your attention to a few remarks on the 6th chapter and 1st verse of Galations: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thow also be tempted." The first word of our lesson was addressed to the children of God, or those trying to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

If then we are His followers we are ready and willing to be lead and guided by the truth, in what ever way it may present itself to us.

If we are living as a band of brothers, our affections and interests for each other will be mutual and we shall have no occasion for injuring or harming our brethern in any way, but if in the spirit of Christ, we shall walk hand in hand helping and being helped by each other, trying to raise the fallen and to strengthen and encourage the weak, which is nothing more than our reasonable service as God's true children. We are trying to imitate our Savior's example, which was forgiveness and love to the end of his sufferings. He left a record of that forgiving spirit, that we at this day should apply it as our daily rule of practice. Are we doing it as faithfully as we ought? Are there not many instances wherein we neglect this important duty.

How apt are we if a brother stumbles or fall out by the way to censure him with bitterness or to speak evil of him instead of raising him up and helping him over the rough places in which he may have fallen. "Brethren if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one," not cast him off, but in the spirit of meekness, with love and charity, not forgetting our Saviour's dying words, "Father, forgive them," with heartfelt sympathy do all in our power to call the wanderer home, considering ourselves lest we be also tempted. Let us, then, at all times and under all circumstancs be willing to help the weak and raise the fallen, for by so doing we shall live out the example of love and charity.

Finally, brethren, be of one mind, live in peace, and may the God of love and peace be with you.

FAREWELL.